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# The Pipeline



## Cumberland College Observes Child Abuse Prevention Month

A convocation service in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month will be held in the Cumberland College Boswell Campus Center Grill at 7:00pm on April 16, 2002. The Cumberland College Social Work Department is organizing the event with the support of the Williamsburg Department for Community Based Services' Office.

"The community has been invited," Mary Jacques said. Jacques is an intern from Cumberland College in the Williamsburg P&P Office. "Anywhere from 100 to 150 people are expected to attend."

Michelle Puckett from Winchester will speak at the convocation. Puckett's 11 month old son Bryan died after two hours in his babysitter's car while she shopped. A slide show will proceed Puckett's speech.

P&P's Kristy York will provide the music for the slide show. Other P&P people involved are Chessica Riley, Lisa Cain, Belinda Collins, and Angie Jarboe. Four social work interns in the office are involved: Jimmy Kidd, Matt Nash, Mary Jacques, and Heather Murphee.

"The P&P people attended an organizational meeting," Jacques said, "and we'll be on hand Wednesday night to hand out blue ribbons."

Following the convocation will be a candle light ceremony for the victims of child abuse.

## CFC and CHS Partner to Improve Customer Service

The Cabinet for Health Services and Cabinet for Families and Children Ombudsmen are working in partnership to orient the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) to their duties and responsibilities.

The team of Ombudsmen and staff plan to offer each of the 16 DCBS regions a short, in-house presentation on each ombudsman organization and its goals and objectives.

The first meeting was held in the Barren River Service Region in December 2001. The Service Region Administrators, local area staff and community organizations were invited to learn more about how both ombudsmen function and interact with the Department for Community Based Services.

The CHS Ombudsman, Brenda Johnson, along with specialists Diane Lewis, Kathy Peale, and Tom Young, will be presenting orientations to the Departments for Medicaid, Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Public Health services staff. The purpose will be to improve service to citizens.

In addition, the Office of the CHS Ombudsman will be providing orientations to Health Services consumer advisory groups, councils and committees, community based organizations and other public agencies.

If you would like more information on the CHS Ombudsman visit the web site at: <http://chs.state.ky.us/ombudsman/>

*(The CHS Ombudsman serves as an information and communications resource and an advisor and dispute resolution office for departments and offices within the cabinet. The Ombudsman cannot change or set policy.)*



## Governor Signs Fair Housing Proclamation

With pen in hand, Gov. Paul E. Patton took measures on April 4 to ensure people in Kentucky have access to housing, free from discrimination.

Accompanied by officials of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (KCHR), Kentucky Housing Corporation, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Gov. Patton signed the proclamation and declared April 2002 Fair Housing Month in the Commonwealth.

Throughout April, groups in Kentucky will work to place the right to fair housing in the public eye with special events and presentations. The effort will highlight how the Kentucky Civil Rights Fair Housing provisions and the U. S. Fair Housing Act prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, familial status (families with children under 18 and pregnant women), religion and disability. The law encourages fair housing opportunity for all people.

“Fair Housing laws protect one of our most fundamental civil rights,” the Governor said. “We join other states that are celebrating the U. S. Fair Housing Act this month by reminding everyone that discrimination in housing is against the law.”

The Fair Housing Act, established by Congress in 1968, prohibits discrimination in the financing, renting and selling, advertisement or availability of any dwelling.

“Governor Patton’s proclamation is symbolic of our commitment to fair housing in Kentucky,” said Beverly Watts, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights executive director. “Our

purpose is to make sure all people have access to decent, affordable housing, and we take this responsibility very seriously.”

KCHR is the state agency created to enforce and protect people’s civil rights, including those rights that guarantee fair housing. The Commission will partner with other human and civil rights organizations to raise public awareness about fair housing this month:

### April 17 and 18

In conjunction with HUD: “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” training in Louisville at the Galt House. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### April 25

KCHR fair housing presentation at the Somerset Board of Realtors Luncheon. Noon.

For details about any of these events, call KCHR at 502.595.4024 or 1.800.292.5566.

## Please Slow Down...My Dad Works Here!

The children of highway workers joined Kentucky Transportation officials to kick-off the highway construction season today and promote work zone safety.

Approximately 800 people are killed and 40,000 are injured in work zone crashes each year in the United States. National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is April 8-12.

Secretary of Transportation James C. Codell, III said, “Work zone safety is a matter for all of us to take very seriously. The workers out here on our highways are real people with real families.”

The 2002 campaign theme is “Please Slow Down, My Dad/Mom Works Here.” Signage with the new campaign theme will be placed in work zones



along Interstates and parkways throughout the state. The campaign is designed to remind the traveling public to slow down and take extra precautions when entering and traveling in a work zone.

The 2002 Construction Brochure will be available at welcome centers and rest areas across the state. The brochure outlines major construction projects along Interstates, highways, and parkways. Visit [www.kytc.state.ky.us](http://www.kytc.state.ky.us) to view the construction map on-line.

“Our number one priority is to provide safe and efficient travel within Kentucky. We are also using innovative techniques in order to minimize impacts to the traveling public. Our philosophy is get in, get out, and stay out,” Secretary Codell added.

By following that philosophy, the Transportation Cabinet is focusing its efforts on techniques to ease congestion woes for the public. More construction will be performed during non-peak driving hours, such as at night and on the weekends. Pavement warranties are beginning to be utilized, in order to ensure a better quality driving surface that will last longer. The use of incentives and disincentives is increasing in order to ensure construction projects are completed on time or early. Contractors are also prevented from closing any lane not immediately under construction.

## The ABCs of EAL

“The ABCs of EAL” features tips that can help us improve our relationships with coworkers and our service to the families of Kentucky.



### This week: J

Sharing your left-hand column with a **joke** can lighten the mood of a long meeting. But think before you speak. Try not to hurt anyone’s feelings. Respect the integrity of your coworkers and the families you serve.